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Annual Report

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF SHIRLEY

TOGETHER WITH A

Report of the Treasurer, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Items from Town Clerk's Book, and Town Warrant

ALSO THE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1918

BELISLE PTG. & PUB. CO.,
WORCESTER, MASS.
1919

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF SHIRLEY

WITH

OTHER STATISTICAL MATTER

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918

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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

TOWN CLERK

Arthur G. Dunn

SELECTMEN

Willard S. White	Term expires 1919
Thomas E. Lilly	Term expires 1920
Charles H. Weare, Jr.	Term expires 1921

ASSESSORS

William A. Boutlier	Term expires 1919
Arthur G. Dunn	Term expires 1920
Morton E. Lawrence	Term expires 1921

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Morton E. Lawrence	Term expires 1919
*Warren E. Bryant	Term expires 1920
Thomas S. Gately	Term expires 1921

SCHOOL COMMMITTEE

*Warren E. Bryant	Term expires 1919
Robert H. J. Holden	Term expires 1920
Thomas E. Lilly	Term expires 1921

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*Resigned.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Thomas E. Lilly	Term expires 1919
Charles J. Pierce	Term expires 1920
Walter Knowles	Term expires 1921

CONSTABLES

John E. Adams Fred E. Smith George A. Stebbins

TREASURER

Frederick W. Holden

TAX COLLECTOR

Ralph S. Wheeler

TREE WARDEN

Asa A. Adams

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Asa A. Adams

AUDITORS

Elmer H. Allen J. Edwin Pomfret

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lura A. White	Term expires 1919
Martha G. Conant	Term expires 1919
Charles H. Weare, Jr.	Term expires 1920
Edward S. Pratt	Term expires 1920
Hittie W. Evans	Term expires 1921
Thomas L. Hazen	Term expires 1921

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

J. Edwin Pomfret	Term expires 1919
Guy R. Cook	Term expires 1920
Edmund F. O'Neil	Term expires 1921
Arthur G. Dunn	Clerk ex officio

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Gentlemen—The Selectmen herewith submit their annual report for the year of 1918.

FINANCIAL

The Financial Statement in the fore part of the Town Report again shows the Town Treasury to be in a favorable condition.

GUIDE POSTS

In accordance with the requirements of the law, we submit the following:

Guide Posts have been maintained within the limits of the Town in compliance with Chapter 52 of the Revised Laws and Acts and amendments thereof.

TOWN REPORTS

Town Reports are distributed about a week previous to the Annual Town Meeting and an effort will be made to have every citizen receive a copy. There will be no extra ones for distribution on Town Meeting Day and those who desire one to use at Town Meeting should bring their copy with them.

CHAS. H. WEARE, JR.,
THOMAS E. LILLY,
WILLARD G. WHITE,
Selectmen of Shirley.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1918

LIABILITIES

North Middlesex Savins Bank, 4 notes of $500.00 each, one payable October 27 of each year	$2,000 00	
Interest on same	11 66	
		$2,011 66

ASSETS

Due from State, account State Aid	$567 00	
Due from State, account Poor	378 26	
Due from individuals, account moth work	182 65	
Due from State, account H. S. transportation	640 23	
Due from State, account H. S. tuition	822 75	
Due from Tax Collector, account 1916 taxes	234 07	
Due from Tax Collector, account 1917 taxes	2,063 92	
Due from Tax Collector, account 1918 taxes	5,989 74	
Cash on hand in treasury	14,598 84	
		$25,477 46
Balance in favor of town		23,465 80

SUMMARIES OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1918.

Town Incidentals	$931 50
Poor	2,968 21
Schools—Salaries	4,811 25
Incidentals and repairs	305 09
Supplies	238 99

Fuel	642 35
Superintendent	440 02
Transportation	2,532 98
Physician	100 00
High school tuition	1,664 50
Highways	1,533 21
Bridges and railings	97 00
Snow	428 60
Fire Department	663 31
State Aid	567 00
Library	551 91
Village Cemetery	144 73
Center Cemetery	112 35
Street Lights	2,833 50
Salaries	1,057 50
Board of Health	379 30
Excise Tax	000 00
Exterminating Moths	940 79
Enforcement of law	196 15
Forest Fires	131 35
Band Concerts	200 00
Bonds—Treasurer and Collector	70 00
Book Shelves—Public Library	64 08
Cement Sidewalks	550 00
Center Common	17 00
Catch Basin—Lm. Rd. & Cat. Rd.	00 00
District and Public Health Nurse	727 55
Exterminating Elm Leaf Beetle	207 48
Hydrant Service	1,240 00
Insurance	273 81
Memorial Day	47 00
Oiling Highways	00 00
Police Protection	966 67
Transportation of Books	25 00
Transportation of Voters	00 00
Tree Warden	88 50

Town House Water Supply	21 40	
Soldiers' Relief	132 00	
Inspector of Animals	50 00	
Settlement of Taxes	308 59	
		$29,260 67

ESTIMATES FOR 1919

1.	Schools	
2.	Incidentals and repairs	
3.	Supplies	$6,500 00
4.	Fuel	
5.	Transportation	
6.	Superintendent of Schools	200 00
7.	School Physician	100 00
8.	High School Tuition	1,000 00
9.	Town Poor	2,500 00
10.	Highways	2,500 00
11.	Bridges and Railings	100 00
12.	Fire Department	700 00
13.	Enforcement of Law	200 00
14.	Library	350 00
15.	Payment of notes	500 00
	Interest	200 00
16.	Memorial Day	75 00
17.	Street Lights	3,000 00
18.	Salaries	1,000 00
19.	Tree Warden	100 00
20.	Exterminating moths	574 76
21.	Transportation of books	25 00
22.	Board of Health	500 00
23.	Removing Snow	500 00
24.	Insurance	200 00
25.	Forest Fires	100 00
26.	Town Incidentals	1,000 00

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1918

INCIDENTALS

Appropriation		$1,500 00
H. L. Parker	$1 25	
L. E. Farnsworth	20 00	
Shirley Electric Co.	26 19	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	22 01	
H. W. McCoy	9 00	
Samson Cordage Works	24 07	
Boston & Maine R. R.	5 73	
C. R. White & Co.	10 00	
H. F. Grout	29 25	
Belisle Printing & Pub. Co.	142 00	
National Express Co.	8 25	
Richard D. Weeks	2 50	
Thom. J. Gately	6 50	
L. G. Holden	7 00	
W. F. McCormack	9 00	
J. E. Pomfret	24 53	
Ayer News Print Co.	20 25	
W. A. Cole	1 50	
Michael Gionet	4 50	
Joseph Murphy	2 50	
Chas. A. Ford	8 50	
H. S. Turner	55 15	
Yawman & Erbe Co.	3 15	
Mrs. A. M. Desmond	8 00	
T. J. Lucy	6 50	

Miah H. Flynn	10 50
A. W. Brownell & Co.	16 50
S. Le Roy Longley	6 00
Thos. Manktelow	42 00
W. W. Comstock	6 00
J. H. Stickney	9 00
J. E. Kelley	30 00
W. E. Barnard	3 00
John Carter Co.	1 50
W. Wright & Sons	2 50
L. L. Applin	10 80
S. V. W. D.	4 00
Stoneham Street Sign Co.	59 40
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	14 28
Est. L. W. Phelps	12 10
H. Crowley	1 00
L. R. Gerard	6 08
E. H. Allen	15 67
Nelson Wamboldt	4 00
Gladys R. Phelps	5 00
John H. Flynn	6 00
M. E. Lawrence	2 00
Roderick E. Casavoy	2 00
Thos. S. Gately	2 00
W. M. Sargent	6 50
Walter Knowles	12 50
M. A. MacElroy	25
A. G. Dunn	27 84
A. A. Adams	6 00
C. E. Woods	25
Ed. E. O'Neil	10 00
C. E. Bradford	9 25
F. W. Holden	38 59
W. A. L. Crockett	4 00
J. H. Logue	4 00
J. H. Riley	20 00

C. H. Weare, Jr.	21 66	
Eliza M. Thomas	20 00	
City Leominster	20 00	
K. E. Hazen	2 00	
		$931 50
Unexpended balance		568 50

POOR

Appropriation		$1,500 00
Received—		
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Aid to Mothers		56 47
Income from N. C. Day Fund		14 00
Paid—		
Daniel Credit	34 00	
M. E. Lawrence	22 30	
Brockelman Bros.	2 00	
Conant Bros.	129 36	
Roy E. Lawton	9 00	
State Board Charity	213 45	
L. W. Porter	21 03	
M. G. Cutler	2 40	
G. M. Ballou	15 75	
Mary La Page	16 00	
L. W. Sanderson	6 82	
Clinton Hospital Association	200 83	
Hobbs & Warren	6 40	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	179 14	
Town Athol	224 40	
F. L. Sanderson	71 40	
William Bulger	3 80	
Joseph Casavoy	20 65	

William Gionet	30 00	
Dr. C. J. Pierce	15 00	
Athance Landry	8 00	
H. O. Peasley	139 75	
C. E. Bradford	83 45	
Dr. T. E. Lilly	13 50	
City Fitchburg	23 50	
Mrs. Mira Johnson	234 00	
E. W. King	48 00	
Osias Chaisson	8 00	
Calanise Comoe	396 00	
C. A. McCarthy	13 37	
Frank Esielionis	144 00	
Malina Bulger	130 00	
C. R. White & Co.	92 03	
J. E. Pomfret	10 00	
W. H. Hennesy	13 00	
A. L. Shearer	65 00	
A. G. Dunn	22 90	
M. E. Lawrence	50 00	
T. J. Gately	15 00	
T. J. Gately	1 50	
Ed. C. Page	46 50	
City Woburn	169 30	
Robt. H. J. Holden	17 68	
		$2,968 21

HIGHWAYS

Appropriation		$2,500 00
Appropriation (to be used in conjunction with Mass. Highway Com.)		1,000 00
Paid—		
Joseph Cartier	$5 70	
Howard M. Longley	18 64	

A. A. Adams	408 00	
Walter Woods	31 50	
Arthur Frary	25 00	
Alfred Quinty	9 00	
Patrick Shucrowe	99 00	
D. P. Credit	176 50	
A. L. Parker	175 00	
Chas. Leavitt	39 00	
Luther E. Holden	25 50	
Ralph O. Evans	31 50	
Ed. Pelote	33 00	
C. R. White & Co.	31 70	
Conant Bros.	3 95	
J. Gardner Wheeler	6 00	
G. M. Ballou	163 63	
Harry Wheeler	12 00	
Gilbert H. Evans	21 00	
Raymond Farnsworth	6 00	
Octavia Pontbriand	12 00	
W. F. Hewes	14 00	
P. S. Farnsworth	18 00	
Kate E. Hazen	3 00	
Elmer E. Wilkins	39 00	
M. A. MacElroy	9 75	
B. & M. R. R.	3 34	
Mrs. E. M. Howard	10 00	
E. R. Thompson	2 50	
N. E. Met. Culvert Co.	100 00	
		$1,533 21
Unexpended balance		966 79

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid—		
Howard M. Longley	$2 00	
A. A. Adams	17 00	

Raymond Farnsworth	18 00	
Rex Boutwell	33 00	
P. S. Farnsworth	12 00	
Herbert Thompson	15 00	
		$97 00
Unexpended balance		3 00

STATE AID

Paid—		
H. A. Sawtell	$72 00	
John Bohanon	66 00	
J. C. Ayers	72 00	
Wm. H. Cram	72 00	
Elsie Bryant	120 00	
Ruth S. Hauesler	90 00	
Glady S. Barstow	75 00	
		$567 00
Due from State, account 1918		567 00

SNOW

Appropriation		$500 00
Paid—		
E. R. Thompson	$5 00	
Patrick Shucrowe	77 50	
Geo. Holden	20 94	
A. W. Wood	8 50	
John H. Farrar	5 00	
Amos P. Farrar	16 75	
Henry W. Farrar	20 25	

Herbert Thompson	10 00	
Chas. E. Haskins	17 50	
Timothy Weldon	2 50	
G. M. Ballou	68 35	
Lester G. Holden	10 31	
A. A. Adams	39 56	
Harry Maylin	24 85	
Harold Thompson	5 00	
Wilfred Chevrette	27 00	
Thomas Manktelow	3 75	
Gilbert H. Evans	8 75	
W. A. Boutlier	10 00	
Howard M. Longley	10 25	
Robert W. Farrar	5 00	
A. L. Parker	9 25	
William Wilkins	10 82	
W. E. Barnard	5 62	
M. A. MacElroy	3 90	
John Winn	2 25	
		$428 60
Unexpended balance		71 40

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		$2,800 00
Unexpended balance 1917		235 75
Paid—		
Shirley Electric Co.	$2,820 00	
Town Groton	13 50	
		$2,833 50
Unexpended balance		201 50

BOND OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Appropriation		$50 00
Paid—		
S. Le Roy Longley	70 00	
		70 00
Overdrawn		$20 00

FIRE

Appropriation	$700 00	
Paid—		
Shirley Electric Co.	$13 37	
John Gilmartin	311 78	
Town Groton	4 00	
Geo. Rivers	3 42	
Emmanuel Chevrette	1 50	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co.	2 40	
Brockelman Bros.	5 20	
C. J. Stebbins	32 50	
Geo. H. Wilson	27 50	
A. P. Farrar	3 25	
J. H. Farrar	3 25	
Samson Cordage Works	58 19	
Joseph Murphy	42 50	
Conant Bros.	4 80	
Harry Collyer	5 00	
Reed Chesbrough	10 00	
Guy R. Cook	30 00	
Geo. A. Devarney	12 75	
C. R. White	83 90	
S. V. W. D.	8 00	
		$663 31
Unexpended balance		36 69

LIBRARY

Appropriation		$350 00
Income from Dog Tax		234 84
Income from Longley Fund		10 74
Paid—		
Altie F. Howe	$43 50	
Grace M. Kelburn	141 34	
W. H. Brown	79 00	
Shirley Electric Co.	15 78	
Nichols & Frost	131 20	
National Express Co.	2 11	
H. W. Wilson	6 00	
Daniel P. Credit	5 00	
Belisle Print. & Pub. Co.	3 00	
L. W. Porter	13 24	
F. H. Wheeler	46 94	
J. J. Barnard	24 00	
Milton Bradley Co.	28 45	
Fitchburg Hardware Co.	3 25	
Samson Cordage Works	1 10	
Shirley Village Water District	8 00	
		$551 91
Unexpended balance		43 67

LIBRARY BOOK SHELVES

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid—		
Samson Cordage Works	$9 45	
Est. L. W. Phelps	42 63	
W. A. Cole	12 00	
		$64 08
Unexpended balance		35 92

VILLAGE CEMETERY

Balance brought forward from 1917 account		$319 02
Income from perpetual care lots		186 89
Income from annual care lots		33 50
Income from sale of lots		48 00
Paid—		
Conant Bros.	$3 93	
Albert Le Page	2 50	
Joseph Comoe	1 75	
Harry Wheeler	27 00	
Walter Woods	15 00	
S. V. W. D.	10 00	
Patrick Shucrowe	22 50	
A. A. Adams	19 00	
P. S. Farnsworth	6 00	
Geo. A. Devarney	2 00	
Est. J. F. Brown	20 00	
G. E. Buxton	6 00	
J. H. McClellan	4 05	
C. R. White & Co.	5 00	
		$144 73
Unexpended balance carried forward to 1919 account		442 68

CENTER CEMETERY

Balance brought forward from 1917 account		$97 02
Income from perpetual care lots		84 61
Income from annual care lots		9 00
Paid—		
Horace C. Harris	$2 45	
Chas. Leavitt	18 00	

Luther E. Holden	37 50	
Fred Carkins	1 25	
C. E. Bradford	1 15	
Raymond Farnsworth	15 00	
Rex Boutwell	9 00	
Estate J. F. Brown	5 00	
H. L. Dodge	18 00	
A. A. Adams	5 00	
		$112 35
Unexpended balance carried forward to 1919 account		78 28

SALARIES

Appropriation		$900 00
Paid—		
A. L. Tewksbury, Assessor	$6 75	
A. G. Dunn, Assessor	130 75	
M. E. Lawrence, Assessor	90 00	
F. W. Holden, Treasurer	200 00	
A. G. Dunn, Clerk	100 00	
W. A. Boutlier, Assessor	80 00	
C. H. Weare, Jr., Selectman	200 00	
T. E. Lilly, Selectman	125 00	
W. G. White, Selectman	125 00	
		$1,057 50
Overdrawn		$157 50

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	$200 00
Balance of 1917 account	264 27
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	50 71

Paid—		
T. E. Lilly	$96 21	
Walter Knowles	72 85	
Howard M. Longley	29 50	
Brockelman Bros.	6 95	
Geo. A. Stebbins	1 00	
H. S. Turner	21 45	
A. L. Parker	5 50	
Howard Knowles	1 00	
Walter Knowles, Clerk	25 00	
Walter Knowles, expenses	4 10	
Walter Knowles, Inspector Slaughtering	27 00	
Viola Hodgman	36 00	
Edith Hodgeman	27 00	
		$379 30
Unexpended balance		135 68

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid—		
John Gilmartin	$23 00	
F. W. Holden	30 50	
Weeks Ext. Co.	9 20	
C. E. Bradford	7 00	
Geo. P. Hewes	3 50	
Lester G. Holden	4 25	
A. A. Adams	28 00	
Earl Frary	9 00	
A. G. Dunn	8 50	
C. R. White	8 40	
		$131 35
Overdrawn		31 35

EXTERMINATING MOTHS

Appropriation		$551 63
Received from Commonwealth Massachusetts		142 86
Received from Elm Leaf Beetle Dept.		108 00
Paid—		
A. A. Adams	$308 30	
Lester Holden	26 50	
Walter Woods	72 00	
Arthur Frary	129 00	
Jack E. Adams	18 00	
Howard M. Longley	18 00	
Geo. A. Devarney	6 60	
Samson Cordage Works	1 69	
J. Cushing & Co.	38 00	
N. R. Graves	10 50	
D. P. Credit	7 00	
G. M. Ballou	49 00	
Alfred Bushnoe	6 00	
C. E. Bradford	13 20	
Raymond Farnsworth	24 00	
Elmer E. Wilkins	66 00	
Herbert Thompson	6 00	
M. A. MacElroy	3 00	
J. B. Crow	84 00	
Raymond Sargent	54 00	
		$940 79
Overdrawn		138 30

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

Appropriation		$200 00
Paid—		
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	$10 91	
J. H. Riley	91 59	

Mary Lugrue	6 00	
Geo. A. Stebbins	8 25	
P. J. Beatty	7 50	
A. G. Dunn	1 00	
Joseph Casavoy	3 00	
Walter Knowles	11 00	
J. H. McMahon	47 00	
C. R. White	3 90	
F. E. Smith	6 00	
		$196 15
Unexpended balance		3 85

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW

Appropriation		$150 00
No charges.		

BAND CONCERTS

Appropriation		$200 00
Paid—		
F. W. Holden for band members	$200 00	

CEMENT SIDEWALKS

Appropriation		$550 00
Paid—		
E. H. Longley	$550 00	

CARE CENTER COMMON

Appropriation		$20 00
Paid—		
W. E. Barnard		$17 00
Unexpended balance		$3 00

CATCH BASIN—LEOMINSTER AND CATACUNEMANZ ROADS

Appropriation	$60 00
Appropriation not used.	

DISTRICT AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Paid—		
Katherine Murnane	$705 00	
Brockelman Bros.	2 30	
T. W. Reed Co.	20 25	
		$727 55
Unexpended		272 45

EXTERMINATING ELM LEAF BEETLE

Appropriation		$200 00
Paid—		
A. A. Adams	$15 00	
N. R. Graves	63 00	
James Comoe	15 00	

Joseph Casavoy	6 48	
Moth Dept.	108 00	
		$207 48
Overdrawn		7 48

HYDRANT SERVICE

Appropriation		$1,240 00
Paid—		
Shirley Village Water District	$1,240 00	

INSURANCE

Appropriation		$200 00
Paid—		
Kate E. Hazen	$97 99	
S. Le Roy Longley	175 82	
		$273 81
Overdrawn		73 81

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		$50 00
Received from citizens and societies		30 00
Paid—		
National Express Co.	$ 32	
J. E. Pomfret, trustee	8 00	
Brockelman Bros.	5 06	
Pierce & Baril	1 25	
Shirley Cash Market	21 12	
Gaynor's Lunch Co.	11 25	
		$47 00
Unexpended balance		33 00

OILING HIGHWAYS

Appropriation		$1,200 00
Appropriation not used.		

POLICE PROTECTION

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Paid—		
J. H. Riley	$666 67	
James F. Sawin	300 00	
		$966 67
Unexpended balance		33 33

TRANSPORTATION OF LIBRARY BOOKS

Appropriation		$25 00
Paid—		
A. B. Cram	$25 00	

TRANSPORTATION OF VOTERS

Appropriation	$15 00
Appropriation not used.	

TOWN HOUSE WATER SUPPLY

Appropriation		$125 00
Paid—		
Raymond Farnsworth	$4 50	
A. E. Bradford	16 90	
		$21 40
Unexpended balance		103 60

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid—		
Joseph Casavoy	$2 50	
A. A. Adams	32 00	
Raymond Farnsworth	18 00	
Herbert Thompson	6 00	
Elmer E. Wilkins	15 00	
Walter Woods	6 00	
Raymond Sargent	9 00	
		$88 50
Unexpended balance		11 50

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Paid—		
Lucy A. Deering		$132 00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, one-half of amount		$25 00
Paid—		
H. M. Longley	$50 00	

SETTLEMENT OF TAXES

Ralph S. Wheeler, account 1914 taxes	$0 88	
1915 taxes	3 49	
1916 taxes	6 94	
1917 taxes	39 31	
1918 taxes	257 97	
		$308 59

EXCISE TAX

Tax for 1918	$275 31

No charges against this account and amount is carried forward to 1919 account.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors submit the following as their report for the municipal year 1918:

Number of residents assessed on property	291	
Number of firms, corporations, etc.,	50	
Total		341
Number of non-residents assessed on property	103	
Number of non-residents, firms, corporations, etc.	27	
Total		130
Total number assessed on property	471	
Total number assessed for poll tax only	376	
Total number assessed		847
Number of male polls assessed	557	
Number of horses assessed	165	
Number of cows assessed	151	
Number of sheep assessed	11	
Number of neat cattle assessed	57	
Number of swine assessed	44	
Number of fowls assessed	1,682	
Number of dwellings assessed	421	
Number of acres of land assessed	9,343	

VALUATIONS

Personal estate	$395,109 00	
Real estate	1,041,787 00	
Total assessed valuation		$1,436,896 00

TAX ASSESSED

Polls	$1,114 00	
Personal estate	6,914 64	
Real estate	18,231 76	
Total tax assessed		$26,260 40
Tax rate per thousand, $17.50.		
Appropriations for town purposes		$21,606 63
Estimated receipts from Income Tax		2,392 77
Amount raised for town purposes		$19,213 86

TAX WARRANT

Town purposes	$19,213 86	
State Tax	3,740 00	
County Tax	1,853 46	
State Highway Tax	361 80	
Overlay	714 78	
Moth Tax	190 05	
F. & L. Railway Excise Tax	275 31	
After Tax	376 50	
Total warrant		$26,725 76

Taxes have been abated as follows:

Account of 1915	$24 69
Account of 1916	134 32
Account of 1917	123 17

ARTHUR G. DUNN,
M. E. LAWRENCE,
WILLIAM A. BOUTILIER,
Assessors of Shirley.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Shirley, Mass., January 2, 1919.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Shirley.

Gentlemen: The Engineers of the Fire Department hereby submit their annual report for 1918. The town has been fortunate in having but few fires during the past year. The company consists of thirteen regular and three call men. The apparatus is in good order.

We have on hand 1,000 feet of rubber-lined hose in good condition. Also 11 hand fire extinguishers.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your hearty co-operation.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH MURPHY Chief,
GUY R. COOK,
CHARLES J. STEBBINS.

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The year 1918 is notable as the first whole year of our proximity to Camp Devens. The proximity of the cantonment is a very important factor in the causation of communicable disease in our town, practically all of our communicable disease was traceable to the soldiers at Camp Devens or to their families resident in Shirley. While the government, through its public health service, showed great concern for the good health of the soldiers in our army and was zealous in their efforts to keep them free from infectious diseases, it rested with the local health authorities to protect the members of the community.

The greatest factor in conveying communicable disease from the cantonment to the townspeople was undoubtedly the wives and families of the soldiers, who, while exposed to the same danger of infection as the soldiers themselves, were unlike the soldiers, not under military discipline and were free to come and go without being under medical surveillance.

In all probability this condition will prevail to a greater or less degree while the government maintains a military post at Camp Devens. This means, of course, greater diligence on the part of the local health authorities and a greater expense to the town in maintaining a proper sanitation.

The most serious disease with which we have had to deal with here has been influenza, with its serious complications, of which pneumonia was the most common and most fatal. The outbreak began here shortly after its appearance at Camp Devens, and although the number of resulting fatalities was comparatively small, the whole number of cases was, as nearly

as it is possible to ascertain, between 400 and 500 cases. The fact that the epidemic was nearly over when the disease was made a reportable one by the State Department of Health is responsible for the comparatively small number of cases reported to us. We were unable to obtain outside assistance in combating the disease, with the exception of two volunteer nurses, obtained by the Samson Cordage Works to help look after their ill employes.

Our Public Health Nurse rendered us valuable assistance throughout the duration of the epidemic. The work performed by her during this critical time proved the wisdom of the voters in providing for her employment. First of April we employed Miss Cathryn Murnane to fill the place of Public Health Nurse, the position established by the voters at the last annual meeting, and we append a detailed report of her services since that time.

The following is a list of infectious diseases reported to the Board of Health during the year: German measles, 4; scarlet fever, 4; tuberculosis, 2; mumps, 1; infantile paralysis, 1; measles, 72; diphtheria, 3; chicken-pox, 1; whooping cough, 3; epidemic dysentary, 8; pneumonia, 24, and influenza, 137. There were registered during the year 40 deaths and 70 births.

Respectfully Submitted,

THOMAS E. LILLY,
WALTER KNOWLES,
DR. CHARLES J. PIERCE

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

STATEMENT

Receipts

Appropriation		$1,000 00

Expenditures

Cathryn Murnane, salary April 1st to Dec. 31st, 1918	$705 00	
Thomas W. Reed Co., supplies	20 25	
Amos L. Parker, team hire	4 00	
		$729 25
Unexpended balance		270 75

WALTER KNOWLES, Clerk.

BOARD OF HEALTH STATEMENT

Receipts

Appropriation	$500 00	
Subsidy received from State	50 71	
Received from milk licenses	5 50	
		$556 21

Expenditures

Howard M. Longley, inspector of slaughtering	$29 50
Huntley S. Turner, printing	21 45
Tony Angelo, loss of work through quarantine	25 74
Walter Knowles, salary as clerk	25 00

Brockelman Bros., supplies	6 90	
Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, fumigating, investigation of nuisances, inspections and miscellaneous expenses	96 21	
Walter Knowles, acting inspector of slaughtering	27 00	
National Express, war tax	30	
Howard M. Knowles, burial of carcass	1 00	
Walter Knowles, postage and supplies	4 10	
Walter Knowles, publishing quarantine ad. in "Turner's Public Spirit" and "Oracle	1 00	
Viola Hodgman, loss of work through quarantine	36 00	
Edith Hodgman, loss of work through quarantine	27 00	
Walter Knowles, investigation of nuisances, inspections and miscellaneous expenses and labor	71 85	
		$373 05
Unexpended balance		183 16

WALTER KNOWLES, Clerk.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the members of the Board of Health.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for work from April 1st, 1918, to Jan. 1st, 1919:

	Visits
Measles	80
Diphtheria	3
Whooping cough	3

Scarlet fever	10
Mumps	1
Epidemic dysentery	5
Pneumonia	40
Influenza	60
Miscellaneous	7
Operation adenoids	1
Maternity	300
To Clinton Hospital	6
School and home visits for 3 schools	160
Total number of visits	683

Very Respectfully,

CATHRYN MURNANE, R. N.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes of 1914

Amount due Jan. 1, 1918		$60 15
Paid to Treasurer	$58 81	
Abatements	1 34	
		$60 15

Taxes of 1915

Amount due Jan. 1, 1918		$392 34
Paid to Treasurer	$388 32	
Interest collected	20 67	
	$367 65	
Abatements	24 69	
		$392 34

Taxes of 1916

Amount due Jan. 1, 1918		$982 96
Paid to Treasurer	$645 24	
Interest collected	58 29	
	$586 95	
Abatements	161 94	
	$748 89	
Amount due	234 07	
		$982 96

Taxes of 1917

Amount due Jan. 1, 1918		$5,358 62
Paid to Treasurer	$3,269 04	
Interest collected	97 51	
	$3,171 53	
Abatements	123 17	
	$3,294 70	
Amount due	2,063 92	
		$5,358 62

Taxes of 1918

Warrant		$26,725 76
Paid to Treasurer	$20,752 77	
Interest collected	16 75	
	$20,736 02	
Amount due	$5,989 74	
		$26,725 76

RALPH S. WHEELER, Collector.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police report for six months beginning March 1, 1918, and ending Sept. 1, 1918:

Number of cases, 16; drunks, 7. Six found guilty, one pleaded guilty and was discharged by the court.

Cruelty to animals, 2. One guilty and one found not guilty after counsel pleaded to the defendant. Mr. Wells has a good reputation in Shirley for kindness to animals.

Disturbing the peace, 3. Found not guilty. Complaints by the government witnesses told on the stand that they were awakened and had to get out of bed by loud talking and fighting at 1 o'clock on a Sunday morning, but were not disturbed a bit. Lizzie Shearer and Mr. Mudget were the complainants.

Breaking and entering building, 1. Government willing to dismiss complaint. Counsel for the defendant insisted on trying the case. Government case not strong enough after hearing evidence and Judge summing up evidence informed counsel that he came very near making a mistake by trying the case, and discharged the defendant. One man of Shirley who attends about all cases at court expressed his opinion that he was guilty as he could be.

Gaming, 1. Not guilty. Father made the complaint three weeks before to me that his boy was gaming and wanted it stopped. He was losing all his money. From conversation with boy found that he was gaming every night. He lost every cent he got hold of and he was in debt and about every boy in town was broke from the same work and men were beating them out of their money.

Incest, 1. Guilty.

Collecting junk, 1.Guilty.

Operating automobile under influence of liquor. Defendant admitted he had been drinking. Was discharged by the Court on account of the wife and children, as he would lose his license and job if found guilty.

Would be pleased to answer all complaints that have been made against any action of the police.

Very Truly,

JOHN H. RILEY,

Chief of Police.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT FOR 1918

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid—		
Joseph Cassavoy, axes	$2 50	
Elmer E. Wilkins, cutting brush	15 00	
Raymond Farnsworth, cutting brush	18 00	
Herbert Thompson, cutting brush	6 00	
Earle G. Frary, cutting brush	9 00	
Raymond Sargent, cutting brush	9 00	
Walter Woods, cutting tree	6 00	
A. A. Adams, labor and team	35 00	
		$100 50

The money has been used principally for cutting brush. There have been two large elm trees cut down, one at the Centre, opposite Graves Bros.' store, which was broken over in a thunder storm; the other in front of Thomas L. Hazen's house, Lancaster Road, which was nearly dead and considered unsafe.

There are others that will have to be cut before long, and considerable trimming that ought to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. ADAMS, Tree Warden.

FOREST WARDEN'S REPORT FOR 1918

The town has been very fortunate the past year in regard to forest fires, considering the number of men who have been skirmishing through the woods and brush. We have had only three fires of much consequence. One between Clarke Road and Patterson Road; one between Patterson and Walker Roads, and one in Tophet Swamp.

We have had several small ones. Two at the North, one at Woods Village, one at the ball park and three between the electric road and the Nashua River.

I would suggest that the pay for fighting fires be raised for the coming year, as it is hard to find men willing to fight fire at the present price.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. A. ADAMS, Forest Warden.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Appropriation			$1,500 00
Total number of persons aided 43			
Twenty-nine residing in town, 14 out of town. Out of this number five have died.			
Amount paid out for aid		$2,928 71	
Received from State	$56 47		
Due from State under Chapter 763, Acts of 1913	378 26		
		$434 73	
			$2,493 98
Overdrawn			993 98

The interest from the Nathaniel Day Fund amounts to $46.60, which is in the hands of the Town Treasurer.

The Overseers of the Poor recommend that the salaries be raised from $10, $15 and $50 to $25, $35 and $75. This is one of the departments that calls for lots of time and study. The Overseers can help increase or decrease the taxes, according to the interest taken in it. We have worked hard this year to keep our expenses down, but owing to the advance in price of everything necessary in life we have overrun our appropriation.

THOMAS S. GATELY,
M. E. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

Conant Bros., groceries	$129 36
C. E. Bradford, groceries	83 45
H. O. Peasely, groceries	139 75

C. R. White, groceries	92 03
Frank Esulonis, groceries	144 00
M. G. Cutler, groceries	2 40
John L. Peckham, groceries	17 68
Arthur G. Dunn, milk	22 90
Shirley Cash Market, meat	13 37
L. W. Porter, coal	21 03
Daniel Credit, wood	45 00
G. M. Ballou, wood	15 75
F. L. Sanderson, wood and milk	78 22
Joseph Casavoy, shoes and rubbers	20 65
William Gionet, rent	30 00
A. L. Shearer, rent	65 00
Mrs. Myria Johnson, board	234 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board	179 14
State Board of Charity, board	182 00
Clinton Hospital Association	200 83
City of Woburn	169 30
Edward Cadwell, Woburn	31 45
Town of Athol	224 40
City of Fitchburg	23 50
Cash paid out under Chapter 763, Acts of 1913	518 00
Brockleman Bros., prescriptions	2 00
Auto hire to Clinton Hospital twice	17 00
Dr. T. E. Lilly, medical services	4 50
Dr. C. J. Pierce, medical services	15 00
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	6 40
Expense, stamps, help and supplies	28 10
W. E. King, undertaker, Clinton	48 00
C. E. Page, undertaker, Ayer	46 50
Wm. Hennessey, labor	13 00
M. E. Lawrence	50 00
Thomas S. Gately	15 00
	$2,928 71

LIST OF JURORS

Shirley, Mass., June 28, 1918.

List of Jurors for the municipal year 1918 and 1919 prepared and posted by the Selectmen of Shirley, in accordance with Chapter 176, Section 4, as amended by Chapter 348 of the Acts and Resolves of 1907.

Names	Residence	Occupation
John E. Adams	Main st	Machinist
Joseph Allen	Front st	Weaver
Harry O. Bangs	Front st	Weaver
Wm. A. L. Crockett	Great rd	Leather Cutter
Fred S. Brown	Mill st	Carpenter
Fred Carson	Longley rd	Millman
Waldo G. Farnsworth	Great rd	Laborer
John H. Flynn	Main st	Weaver
Thomas J. Gately	Fredonian st	Millman
Michael Gionet	Main st	Millman
Edward L. Harkins	Mill st	Merchant
George Holden	Clark rd	Farmer
Frank E. Kemp	Great rd	Farmer
Walter Knowles	Lancaster rd	Weaver
Morton E. Lawrence	Center rd	Carpenter
Timothy J. Lucy	Catecunemaug rd	Retired
Francis E. Park	Center rd	Farmer
Chester W. Phelps	Page st	Chauffeur
J. Edwin Pomfret	Maple st	Assistant Superintendent

Fred E. Sleeper	Leominster rd	Photographer
Sylvain Thomas	Front st	Weaver
Charles H. Weare, Jr.	Chapel st	Superintendent

CHARLES H. WEARE, Jr.,
THOMAS E. LILLY,
WILLARD G. WHITE,

Selectmen of Shirley.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1918	$8,910 71
Worcester North Savings Institution temporary loans	6,000 00
Fitchburg Bank & Trust Co., interest on deposits	132 14
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Income of School Fund	865 99
Soldiers Exemption	56 01
Gypsy Moth Suppression	142 86
Corporation tax (business)	8,005 80
Corporation tax (public service)	196 06
Income tax	2,439 69
National Bank tax	130 75
Reimbursement for loss of taxes	236 65
Inspection of animals	25 00
High School tuition	830 25
Transportation of High School pupils	975 44
Tuition of children	294 00
Aid to mothers	56 47
State Aid	288 00
Account of Trustees, Hospital for Consumptives	50 71
Educational Indept. Industrial Schools	113 75
Highway Commission	72 20

International Trust Company Income:	
Gardner, Longley & Henry Funds	57 00
Longley School Fund	263 94
Parker School Fund	221 98
Amount withdrawn from income on Village Cemetery funds as per schedule	84 61
Amount withdrawn from income on Centre Cemetery funds as per schedule	129 89
Worcester North Savings Inst. income Longley library fund	10 74
County of Middlesex dog tax	234 84
Town of Lancaster, tuition	57 00
Geo. H. Anderson, tuition	28 50
Lucy E. Fuller Estate, perpetual care Darius Emery Cemetery lot	100 00
Sara G. Rugg Estate, perpetual care McClellan Cemetery lot	100 00
Geo. C. Keyes, Exr. Amanda M. Spaulding Est., perpetual care Aaron Bryant Cemetery lot	100 00
Melissa A. Haynes, perpetual care of Elnathan Haynes Cemetery lot	100 00
A. W. Porter, perpetual care David Porter Cemetery lot	100 00
C. H. Weare, Jr., Collection G. A. R. Dinner	30 00
Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. R., Flag for Town Flag pole	22 01
Moth Dept. transfer to Elm Leaf Beetle Dept.	108 00
Thomas Manktalow, rent Town Hall	68 00
Henry F. Grout, rent Town Hall	43 25
Shirley Village Water Dist., work on Benjamin Road	14 00

D. C. Parsons, Clerk of Court, fines	15 83	
Walter Knowles, milk licenses	5 50	
Mark Esielionis, victualler's license	1 00	
Shirley Club, victualler's license	1 00	
R. Cool, victualler's license	1 00	
Bertha Authier, innholder's license	1 00	
Joseph Koreyno, pool and victualler's license	6 25	
Annie Desmond, victualler's license	1 00	
Geo. A. Stebbins, victualler's license	1 00	
National Express Co., pony express license	1 00	
Michael Esielionis, pool license	15 00	
David Malshman, junk license	30 00	
H. Perlstein, junk license	30 00	
Hyman Gass, junk license	30 00	
Frank Esielionis, slaughtering license	1 00	
Ralph S. Wheeler, Collector, taxes 1914	58 81	
Ralph S. Wheeler, Collector, taxes 1915	388 32	
Ralph S. Wheeler, Collector, taxes 1916	645 24	
Ralph S. Wheeler, Collector, taxes 1917	3,269 04	
Ralph S. Wheeler, Collector, taxes 1918	20,752 77	
		$56,951 00

EXPENDITURES

North Middlesex Savings Bank, note due Oct. 27, 1918	$500 00
North Middlesex Savings Bank, interest	87 50
W. N. S. I., temporary loan	6,000 00
W. N. S. I., interest	44 73
David Porter Cemetery Fund, invested	100 00
Darius Emery Cemetery Fund, invested	100 00
Sara G. Rugg Cemetery Fund, invested	100 00
Amanda M. Spaulding Cemetery Fund, invested	100 00
Elnathan Haynes Cemetery Fund invested	100 00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, repairs State highways	361 80	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State tax	3,740 00	
County of Middlesex, County tax	1,853 46	
Bureau of Statistics, certifying notes	4 00	
Selectmen's orders	29,260 67	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1918	14,598 84	
		$56,951 00

VILLAGE CEMETERY FUNDS IN HAND OF TOWN TREASURER

Fund	Balance Dec. 31, 1917	Income 1918	Withdrawn 1918	Balance Dec. 31, 1918
W. A. Booth	$100 04	$4 30	$4 30	$100 04
Emmet L. Cummings	100 00	3 27	3 27	100 00
George L. Davis	100 28	4 30	4 30	100 28
Darius Emery		3 03	3 03	100 00
Elnathan Haynes		3 03	3 03	100 00
Samuel Hazen	107 45	4 89	4 89	107 45
John E. L. Hazen	100 04	4 30	4 30	100 04
Nelson A. Holden	100 04	4 30	4 30	100 04
Mary M. Nickless	100 00	4 30	4 30	100 00
Warren M. Orswell	150 00	4 90	4 90	150 00
David Parker	107 45	4 88	4 88	107 45
Loring Parker	107 45	4 88	4 88	107 45
J. C. Parsons	106 88	4 84	4 84	106 88
A. A. Plimpton	106 88	4 57	4 57	106 88
Mary F. Pope	105 76	4 51	4 51	105 76
David Porter				100 00
R. M. Priest	106 88	4 57	4 57	106 88
Sara G. Rugg		3 03	3 03	100 00
William Sawtell	106 88	4 84	4 84	106 88

Amanda M. Spaulding		3 03	3 03	100 00
Emery Williams	106 88	4 84	4 84	106 88
Totals	1,712 91	$84 61	$84 61	$2,212 91

CENTER CEMETERY FUNDS IN HANDS OF TOWN TREASURER

Fund	Balance Dec. 31, 1917	Income 1918	Withdrawn 1918	Balance Dec. 31, 1918
Esther L. Brown	$125 00	$5 68	$5 68	$125 00
George E. Chandler	114 09	4 89	4 89	114 09
N. C. Day	220 00	9 99	9 99	220 00
Daniel Dodge	122 07	5 23	5 23	122 07
Rufus Fletcher	122 07	5 23	5 23	122 07
Mary J. Hastings	104 58	4 47	4 47	104 58
Susan H. Hildreth	105 08	4 51	4 51	105 08
Luke Holden	126 00	5 72	5 72	126 00
Luther Holden	108 94	4 66	4 66	108 94
Philemon Holden	100 00	4 30	4 30	100 00
Abbott A. Jenkins	100 00	4 30	4 30	100 00
E. A. Jenkins	120 00	5 15	5 15	120 00
Capt. Albert Hannibal Kelsey	100 00	2 25	2 25	100 00
Laura E. King	130 74	5 59	5 59	130 74
William Little	119 24	5 40	5 40	119 25
Samuel Longley	125 00	5 69	5 69	125 00
Sarah Mills	120 97	5 17	5 17	120 97
Sally M. Page	400 00	17 18	17 18	400 00
L. S. Phelps	117 52	5 33	5 33	117 52
George E. Rice	112 00	4 81	4 81	112 00
Julia C. Wing	112 22	4 81	4 81	112 22
Grace E. Winslow	100 00	4 30	4 30	100 00
H. A. Woods	122 01	5 23	5 23	122 01
	$3,027 53	$129 89	$129 89	$3,027 53

LIBRARY FUND IN HANDS OF TOWN TREASURER

Fund	Balance Dec. 31, 1917	Income 1918	Withdrawn 1918	Balance Dec. 31, 1918
Samuel Longley	$250 00	$10 74	$10 74	$250 00

WORTHY POOR FUND IN HANDS OF TOWN TREASURER

Fund	Balance Dec. 31, 1917	Income 1918	Withdrawn 1918	Balance Dec. 31, 1918
N. C. Day	$1,040 05	$46 60	*$14 00	$1,072 65

*Paid to Overseers of Poor.

TRUST FUNDS IN HANDS OF INTERNATIONAL TRUST CO.

Longley School Fund	$6,073 75
Parker School Fund	5,229 07
Gardner Cemetery Fund	500 00
Longley Cemetery Fund	500 00
Henry Cemetery Fund	500 00

The Treasurer asks for $500.00 to pay note due October 27, 1919, and $200.00 for interest on town debt and temporary loans.

FREDERICK W. HOLDEN,
Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify as the result of our examination of the books of the Town Treasurer, ending January 1st, 1919, that the receipts and disbursements have been examined.

Vouchers are on hand for all disbursements and the cash on hand January 1st, 1919, has been verified.

We have also verified the Trust Funds in the hands of the Treasurer.

ELWIN H. ALLEN,
J. EDWIN POMFRET,

Auditors.

January 4. 1919.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

The Librarian presents the following report for the year ending Jan. 1, 1919.

Number of books in Library	6864
Number of books added during year	264
Number of books added by purchase	155
Number of books added by gift	109
Number of books taken out	5280
Highest number in any one month	690
Number of magazines taken out	525
Number of days Library has been open	77

Respectfully Submitted,

GRACE M. KILBURN, Librarian.

Books Added for Circulation During Year 1918

FICTION

Allen, James L. Kentucky Warbler	Al5ke
Atherton, Gertrude. White Morning	At4w
Barclay, Florence L. White Ladies of Worcester	B23wh
Barry, A. S. Little Girl Who Couldn't Get Over It	B27.2li
Bindloss, Harold. Carmen's Messenger	B51.1ca
Bower, B. M. Jean of Lazy A	B67.1j
Bosher, Kate L. Kitty Canary	B65k
Brown, Alice. Bromley Neighborhood	B81b
Buchan, John. Greenmantle	B85g
Castle, A. E.Golden Barrier	B27g
Connor, Ralph. Major, The	C76ma
Curtis, Isabel G. Congress Woman	C94.1c
Day, Holman. Where Your Treasure Is	D33w
Dillon, Mary. Comrades	D58c
Dowd, Emma C. Polly and the Princess	D75po
Fox, John, Jr. In Happy Valley	F83i
Gibbs, Geo. Yellow Dove	G35y
Grey, Zane. U. P. Trail	G86.3u
Hewlett, Maurice. Bendish	H49b
Knibbs, H. H.Sundown Slim	K75s
Lincoln, J. C. Extricating Obadiah	L63e
Locke, Wm. J. Rough Road	L79.1r—
Luther, Mark L. Hope Chest	L97.1
Lutz, Grace H. L. Enchanted Barn	L96.2en
McCall, Sidney. Sunshine Beggars	M13.2s

Maniates, Belle K. Amarilly in Love	M31.1l
Montgomery, L. M. Anne's House of Dreams	M76an
Oreczy, Baroness. Bronze Eagle	Or2b
Oppenheim, E. P. Pawn's Count	Op5pa
Double Traitor	Op5d
Parrish, Randall. Keith of the Border	P21k
Porter, Eleanor H. Oh! Money! Money!	P83.2mo
Porter, Geni S. Daughter of the Land	P83.1d
Rice Alice Hegan. Calvary Alley	H36c
Richmond, Grace S. Whistling Mother	R41.3w
Rinehart, Mary R. Long Live the King	R47l
Amazing Interlude	R47a
Robins, Elizabeth.Convert	R55
Smith, F. Hopkinson. Gentleman Vagabond	Sm5g
Stevenson, B. E. Girl from Alsace	St4.6g
Sturgis, R. Clipson. Recollections of a Grandmother	St91r
Train, Arthur. Earthquake, The	T69
Voynich, E. L. Gadfly	V94.1
Wells, H. G.Soul of a Bishop	W46.1s
West, Rebecca. Return of the Soldier	W51r
Weston, George. Apple Tree Girl	W52.1

NON-FICTION

Barbusse, Henri. Under Fire	940.41ab
Bishop, Major. Winged Warfare	940.41al
Braithwaite, W. S. Anthology of Magazine Verse	810.8j
Codman, Mrs. Russell. Journal of a Submarine Commander	940.41x
Connolly, James B. U-Boat Hunters	940.41ao
Curtin, D. Thomas. Land of the Deepening Shadow	940.41ap
Cuvru, Magot H. Beyond the Marne	940.41an
Dawson, Coningsby. Glory of the Trenches	940.41ag
Dawson, W. J. Father of a Soldier	940.41at
Eddy, Mary B. Christian Science Hymnal	615.851o
Empey, Arthur. First Call	940.41af
Farnam, Ruth S. Nation at Bay	940.41as

Frazer, Helen. Women and War Work 940.41ai
George, David L. Great Crusade 940.41ar
Gerard, James W. My Four Years in Germany 940.41w
Face to Face with Kaiserism 940.41m
Guest, Edgar A. Just Folks 811 49x
A Heap o'Livin' 811.49y
Hale, E. E. Life and Letters of Edward E. Hale (2 vols.) H13H
Hall, James W. Kitchener's Mob 940.41y
Hankey, Donald. Student in Arms 940.41ay
Hill, Henry C. Wonder Book of Knowledge Ref
Huard, Frances W. My House on the Field of Mercy 940.41y
Lauder, Harry. Minstrel of France 940.41aj
Linderman, F. B. Indian Why Stories 970.1s
McCarthy, Denis. Songs of Sunrise 811.49z
Morris, Josephine. Household Science and Arts 641m
O'Brien, Edw. J. Best Short Stories of 1917 804li
Peat, Harold R. Private Peat 940.41aa
Richards, Laura E. To Arms 811.49w
Turezynowrcz, L. de. When the Prussians Came to Poland 940.41ah
Vaka, Demetha. In the Heart of German Intrigue 940.41ae
Wells, H. G. In the Fourth Year 940.41ak
White, Wm. Allen. Martial Adventures of Henry and Me 940.41aq
Williams, Col. Dion. Army and Navy Uniforms and Insignia 355b

JUVENILE FICTION

Altsheler, J. A. Rulers of the Lakes jAl7ru
Bailey, C. S. Tell Me Another Story jB15t
Brooks, Amy. Dorothy Dainty jB79.4
Dorothy Dainty in Country jB79.4co
Dorothy Dainty at Mountains jB79.4m
Dorothy Dainty in Winter jB79.4w
Dorothy Dainty's Gay Times jB79.4ga

Dorothy Dainty at Home	jB79.4h
Dorothy Dainty's Holidays	jB79.4ho
Dorothy Dainty's Visit	jB79.4v
Dorothy Dainty's New Friends	jB79.4n
Dorothy Dainty's Vacation	jB79.4va
Dorothy Dainty at Crestville	jB79.4cr
Dorothy Dainty at Glenmore	jB79.4g
Dorothy Dainty at School	jB79.4s
Dorothy Dainty at Shore	jB79.4sh
Dorothy Dainty's Playmates	jB79.4p
Dorothy Dainty in City	jB79.4c
Burgess, Thornton. Mother West Winds When Stories	jB91wh
Chekov. Anton. Witch and Other Stories	jC42
Cowles, Julia D. Queer Little Tailor	jC83.1
Firman and Malby. Winston Primer	jF51
First Reader	jF51a
Higgins, Mary M. Holidays in Mother Goose Land	jH53h
Jackson, C. T. Call to the Colors	jJ13.1
Kilbourne, C. E. Baby Kangaroo and Lilly Lamb	jK56k
Lion and the Bump-Head Animal	jK56l
Elephant and the Zoo Man	jK56e
Polar Bear and the Walrus	jK56p
Monkey and the Wiley Wolf	jK56m
Reindeer and the Silver Fox	jK56r
Dick Duck and the Dangerous Dog	jK56d
Baby Zebra and the Friendly Rhinoceros	jK56z
Leonard, Nellie M. Graymouse Family	jL52.1
Lindsay, Maud. Story Garden for Little Children	jL63.1s
Perkins, Lucy F. Belgian Twins	jP41b
Roy, Elizabeth L. Woodcraft Girls in City	jR65
Smith, Laura R. Snubby Nose and Tippy Toes	jSm6.1
Stratemeyer, Edw. Dave Porter's Great Search	jSt8.1se
Wells, Carolyn. Patty Blossom	jW46pa
Winfield, A. M. Rover Boys at School	jW73
Rover Boys on Ocean	jW73o

Rover Boys Out West	jW73ou
Rover Boys in Jungle	jW73j
Widdemer, Margaret. Winona of Camp Karonya	jW64

JUVENILE NON-FICTION

Curtis, Edward S. Indian Days of Long Ago	j970.1u
Collins, F. A. Boy's Book of Model Aeroplanes	j790p
Gardner, Monica. Poland	j943.8
Hall, A. Neely. Handicraft for Handy Boys	j790n

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1918

Date	Name	Parents
January		
9	Stanislawa Keyel	Felix and Apollona (Wesolawska)
22	Egenusz Wecenty Stolarski	John and Franciska (Frouczek)
February		
10	Joseph Edgar Henry Bouin	Arthur and Rose (Boucher)
24	Mieceslaw Westoski	Woscieck and Rosalylia (Gotas)
27	Jessamine Woodbury Jubb	Arthur and Morna (Haines)
March		
8	Charles Stanley Stebbins	Charles and Annie (Barry)
11	Stillborn	
15	Charles Kasimeros Randonis	William and Age (Rzimkis)
17	Yan Wolkonowicz	Michael and Maryanna (Swyrida)
18	——— Coleman	Arthur and Ella (Sanderson)
21	John Edward Adams, Jr.	John E. and Ora (Holden)
21	Mary Marguerit Devarney	Israel and Virginia (Como)
27	John Patrick Heyman	Homer and Beth (Delano)
29	Joseph Oley Bukliawicz	John and Michalla (Swyrida)
30	Witold Ecelionis	Michael and Maryana (Kerkoska)
31	Milton John Westover	Frank and Delia (Burno)
April		
2	Joseph Robert Roderick Casavoy	Roderick and Blanche (Saunders)
10	Christina MacLeod Sanderson	Nathan Dana and Margaret (McLeod)
11	Joseph Edgar Cormier	John B. and Clarice (Gionet)
16	Charles Tewksbury Gale	Percy E. and Grace E. (Tewksbury)
18	——— Friedrick	Charles and Margaret (St. John)

Date	Name	Parents
May		
10	Sylvester Chesborough, Jr.	Sylvester and Eleanor (Miner)
25	Ellen Winifred Longley	Howard and Lucy (Proctor)
30	Clarence Levi Landry	Levi and Philomene (Chaisson)
June		
4	——— Tishler	William and Beatrice (Bellilove)
9	Patricia Evline	Joseph and Emma (Forcier)
12	Woodrow Gagnon	Alphie and Mary (Gagnon)
14	Alena Helen Sidliski	Peter and Stanisleam (Stefansk)
15	Edmund Michael Bulger	Michael and Minnie (Gionet)
18	Ello Armas Koski	Soloman and Helen (Somero)
19	——— Desmarais	Wilfrid and ——— (———)
24	John Clark Riley	John H. and Bertha (Clark)
30	——— Whitman	Llewelyn ——— (———)
July		
1	Mary Martha Gionet	Joseph and Agnes (Landry)
9	Mary Blanche Edna Cote	Camille and Elizabeth (Manox)
12	Helena Kacmarcik	Alexander and Anna (Gotach)
14	William Guy Starret	Leo N. and Lucy (Vickers)
August		
7	Gertrude Ellen Sampson	Henry and Anna (Corrigan)
9	May Reata Emond	Oscar and Mary (Plurdi)
18	——— Tupper	Ernest and Lulu (Clark)
27	Herbert Matthews Wells	Clayton and Margaret (Matthews)
28	Robert Henry Brockelman	Frank and Annie (Slocomb)
September		
5	Hellana Kubek	Joseph and Zofia (Juscak)
6	Anna Perlstein	Hyman and Ida (Prnsyt)
9	Joseph Edward Pelote	George and Matilda (Lalonde)
11	Yan Aurga	Michael and Josephine (Esiclionis)
12	May Virginia Brown	William and Edith P. (Frary)
17	Mary Phyllis Harkins	Edward and Gertrude (McNally)
27	Marie Angelina Gallieu	Theotein and Alice (Albert)
27	——— Murray	Richard and Alexina (L'Eceuyer)
27	Stillborn	

Date	Name	Parents
October		
2	Joseph Gilmartin	John and Delia (Gilmartin)
3	Stillborn	
5	Joseph Jurga	Ignace and Marcella (Waselèwska)
7	Evelina McNally	Charles and Mary (Cournoyer)
8	Charles Hawes Pratt	Edward S. and Fannie B. (Hawes)
8	Herbert Gale Pratt	Edward S. and Fannie B. (Hawes)
10	Elliot Joseph Barrett	Elliott and Lena Etta (Allen)
15	Maryuerite Champagne	Wilfred and Rose (Juneault)
20	——— Anderson	Charles ——— (———)
November		
3	——— Morse	Charles O. and Ida (St. John)
12	Rose Gracia Lepage Lambert	William and Gracia (Lepage)
13	Joseph Elzear Courmoyer	Elzear and Celains (Desranlean)
16	Ludrvik Buklerewicz	Ludrvik and Malvina (Baltus)
18	Joseph Auriele Landry	Athanace and Marie (Chaisson)
22	——— Chevery	Fred and Adeline (Bolduc)
23	Margaret Constance Brindley	Reginald and Mary (Fitzgerald)
24	Edwood Mott Davis, Jr.	Edward and Dorethy (Thomas)
26	——— Brill	William and Dora (Walker)
December		
3	Margaret Mary Monsen	Eli Hert and Mabel (Stibbins)
14	Adela Petanski	Peter and Mary (Balcimina)
22	Margaret Helen McCaffrey	Frank E. and Ojil (Peneseau)
25	Alfred Philippe Pilote	Edward and Lina (Gagnon)

MARRIAGES RECORDED, 1918

Date	Name	Age	Residence
January			
22	Walter C. Fruvogel	25	Camp Devens
	Edith L. Lovejoy	34	Shirley
February			
2	Robert E. Bemis	29	Camp Devens
	Angela Marie Brown	29	Boston

Date	Name	Age	Residence
4	Alma Sicard	29	North Troy, Vt.
	Corona Joyal	24	Shirley
11	Athance Landry	26	Shirley
	Mary Lucy Chaisson	23	Shirley
19	Joachem J. Jean	24	Shirley
	Mary E. Stebbins	22	Shirley
April			
8	Oliver Hallet	34	Shirley
	Daisy E. (Slocomb) Sleeper	29	West Groton
22	Joseph E. Loiselle	21	Fitchburg
	Mary Mabel Pelote	20	Shirley
14	Dean B. Hewes	23	Shirley
	Edith Whitman	19	Ayer
May			
4	Jan Robinowicz	26	Shirley
	Domice Kukta	26	Montello, Mass.
11	Ralph E. Thompson	21	Shirley
	Marion E. Moulton	20	Shirley
11	Roy H. Oakley	24	Wassaic, N. Y.
	Stella F. Gerry	22	Shirley
12	Henry M. Porter	27	Camp Devens
	Elizabeth Sandrigan	21	Shirley
12	Claus George Johnson	21	Lunenburg
	Olive Edna Frary	18	Shirley
20	David T. Lambert	26	Shirley
	Flora Gionet	24	Shirley
June			
6	Charles H. Weare, Jr.	41	Shirley
	Gertrude L. Conant	31	Shirley
15	Thomas H. Riley	24	Camp Devens
	Emma A. Devarney	16	Shirley
26	Henry F. Burrage	44	Shirley
	Irena A. Churchill	44	Shirley
July			
22	Patrick Joseph Gionet	21	Shirley
	Florida Collard	19	Shirley
29	Alexander Bodah	19	Shirley
	Alphonsine Collard	20	Shirley

Date	Name	Age	Residence
August			
12	Joseph Philip Gionet	34	Shirley
	Mary Latendresse	35	Shirley
27	Paul E. Mukleman	32	Camp Devens
	Helen E. Franklin	30	New York City
September			
7	Ernest J. Chatfield	27	Camp Devens
	Myrtle L. McKelvin	22	Cambridgeport
11	John Samga	24	Shirley
	Fransiczk Szarafinka	21	Shirley
15	Louis W. Simon	22	Camp Devens
	Mary Norkus	17	Shirley
30	Lee Alfred Rivers	20	Shirley
	Merle Ballard	21	Worcester
October			
2	John Hartman	27	Camp Devens
	Marion L. Holden	27	Shirley
10	Fred J. Chevery	32	Camp Devens
	Adline (Bolduc) White	36	Dexter, Maine
14	Omer Royes	24	Camp Devens
	Mary Laura Gallien	20	Shirley
20	Reginald Twelly	20	Camp Devens
	Edna Flatt	19	Edgewood, N. J.
28	Elmer Edwin Wilkins	21	Shirley
	Marion Ruth Storer	18	Nashua, N. H.
November			
2	Henry Wolfe	23	Camp Devens
	Blanche E. Barnard	17	Shirley
25	Frank Pranauckas	27	Nashua, N. H.
	Dome Demish	17	Shirley
December			
23	Willard W. Knowles	20	Shirley
	Annie N. Bagley	19	Fitchburg

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1918

Date	Name	Birthplace	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
January					
8	Charles H. Tewksbury	Stewartstown, N. H.	62	11	6
23	Cynthia E. Lynch	Barnstead, N. H.	70	8	6

Date	Name	Birthplace	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
February					
21	Pricilla M. Landry	Shirley	1	9	9
24	William Gordon Blair	Pittsburg, Penn.	91		
26	James Fred Brown	New Ipswich, N. H.	62	9	16
24	Merrick Carey	North Troy, Vt.	70		
March					
11	——— Bodah	Shirley			
14	Edward J. Stevens	Swanville, Me.	66	11	16
17	Joseph E. Boyle	Fall River	17	6	30
27	Charles Mazure	Manchester, N. H.	27		
27	Frederick Wyman	Boston	62	2	
28	Laura (Robinson) Sargent	Vermont	85		
31	Alexander Buklawicz	Shirley			2
April					
3	Mary Jane Davis	Westford	88		27
6	John Taylor	Canada	91	10	27
22	John E. Donovan	Iceland	62	11	25
30	Angeline Wheeler	Canada	83		
May					
2	Joseph Comoe	Canada	31		
29	William H. Connors	Lowell	27	5	4
29	John Burns	Fitchburg	64		
June					
26	Harriet S. Shearer	Coleraine, Mass.	70	11	4
July					
4	Bertha M. Fairclough	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	57	8	17
9	Elizabeth E. Mellish	Bellows Falls	73	0	6
11	Julia E. Holden	Pepperell	59		14
25	Robert A. Post	Lynn			22
August					
17	Henri Eugene Quinty	Shirley	16	11	20
19	Margarie Walsh Richardson	Blackburn, England	70		
September					
8	Harriet T. Swain	Kittery, Me.	52	6	14
26	Margaret B. Trembley	Shirley	29	10	26
27	——— Murray	Shirley			
28	——— Murray	Shirley			
28	Earl C. Merriman	Boston	32	10	
30	Jennette E. Hewes	Westford	58	10	21

Date	Name	Birthplace	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
October					
1.	Adela Colard	Canada	24		
5	Joseph Chaisson	Rogersville	28	1	23
5	George P. Rines	Somerville	15	9	27
4	Michael Esielonis	Poland	41		
8	Jim Cournoyre	Manchester, N. H.	19	9	
11	Joseph Gately	Shirley	35	0	23
12	Victorine Fournier	St. Anne, Canada	63	3	8
16	Harrie P. Barnard	Shirley	42	1	29
17	Mary Wasehauskas	Shirley	3	3	17
22	Rosie Swiatek	Russia	25		
23	Diana Lomme	Canada	39	3	29
24	Ionllsecyon Kacoenonyh	Russia	30		
28	Pearl Hall	Larado, Texas	1	9	4
29	Fred A. Frary	Lancaster	61	4	10
November					
6	John H. Stickney	Hampstead, N. H.	66		8
11	Edith N. Harrington	Troy, N. Y.	24	5	15
14	Dell Fred Carkin	Dunstable	46		23
30	Alfred Juneault	Canada	75	6	2
December					
4	John Sprague	Harvard	88	8	
14	John Galachi	Russia	38		

NOTICE

Errors in record or in copying can be corrected in accordance with Sec. 16, Chap. 29 of the Revised Laws, and all persons interested are respectfully requested to examine the reports of births, marriages and deaths and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions, that the records may be made perfect.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the return of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives.

DOG LICENCES

Number of licenses issued	94
Amount paid County Treasurer as per receipts on file	$211 20

Ninety-nine "hunters' certificates" were issued during the year ending Dec. 31, 1918.

ARTHUR G. DUNN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX, SS.

To Arthur G. Dunn, Clerk of the Town of Shirley in said county.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required, by posting an attested copy of this warrant at Post Office in Shirley Center and a like copy at the Post Office in Shirley Village, eight days, at least, before the time herein appointed for the meeting, to notify and warn all the legal voters of said town to assemble in the Odd Fellows' Hall in Shirley Village on Monday, the third day of February, 1919, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, two Auditors, three Constables, one Highway Surveyor, one Overseer of the Poor for one year, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Board of Health, and 2 Library Trustees for three years; also, to vote Yes or No on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The polls will be open at eleven o'clock and thirty minutes A. M., and may be closed at three o'clock and thirty minutes P. M. of said day; also, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose all officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, School Committee, and other town officers or committees, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the poor, highways and bridges, fire department, enforcement of law, library, payment of notes and interest, cemeteries, Memorial Day, street lights, salaries of officers, Tree Warden, exterminating moths, transportation of library books, transportation of voters, and all necessary and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what action the town will take relative to the collection of taxes.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1919, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate $10,000, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under such authorization to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen as to where the Annual Town Meeting in 1920 shall be held, or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred and sixty dollars ($1,260.00) for the hydrant service for the year 1919, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200.00) for the purpose of providing police protection, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote that if the town, at the annual town meeting to be held February 3, 1919, shall vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, that the sum of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing police protection, or act thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) to enforce the liquor law, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00) for the purpose of exterminating elm leaf beetle, or act thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to pay the premium on the bonds of the Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) to provide band concerts the current municipal year, or act thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200.00) to sprinkle the principal streets of the town with dust laying oil, or act thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a new road grader, or act thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $25.00 or some other amount, and elect a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by, and the director to serve in cooperation with the county agricultural Trustees of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics under the provision of Chapter 273, General Acts of 1918.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of observing April 19, 1919, as a day of welcome to returning soldiers, sailors and marines, or act thereon.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to accept as a public highway, Tolman Street and Whiteley Street, so called, leading from Phoenix Street over property of the Samson Cordage Works to Chapel Street, the land required for this street to be donated by the Samson Cordage Works as shown in plan submitted, or act thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to accept as a public highway, Chapel Street extension, so called, extending from Phoenix Street easterly by land of St. Anthony's Society and Samson Cordage Works on the south, and other abutters on the north, to land of Kate E. Hazen on the east, a distance of approximately 1987 ft., more or less as shown on plan submitted, or act thereon.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of grading and making passable, Tolman, Whitely and Chapel Streets, so called, or act thereon.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for specific repairs to Fredonian Street from Mill Street to Shaker Road, and to Shaker Road from Fredonian Street to drive-way leading to Samson Cordage Works, or act thereon.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of building cement sidewalks, or act thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purpose of providing a District and Public Health Nurse, or act thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to have electric lights established and maintained on Main Street from the Clark Road easterly to the residence of Harding M. James, or act thereon.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one of the Selectmen, at or before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Shirley, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1919.

CHAS. H. WEARE, JR.,
THOMAS E. LILLY,
WILLARD G. WHITE,

Selectmen of Shirley.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF SHIRLEY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918

BELISLE PTG. & PUB. CO.,
WORCESTER, MASS.
1919

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DR. T. E. LILLY	Term expires 1921
ROBT. H. J. HOLDEN	Term expires 1920
DR. W. E. BRYANT	Resigned July 1, 1918

ORGANIZATION

Dr. T. E. Lilly, Chairman
Dr. W. E. Bryant, Secretary, January to July
Robert H. J. Holden, Secretary July to January

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

At the residence of the Chairman at 8.00 P. M., on the first Saturday of each month except July and August

Superintendent, F. C. Johnson
Residence, Ayer, Mass.

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 2.30 to 3.30 P. M., during term time at New School Building

TRUANT OFFICERS

John H. Riley W. E. Barnard

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APPROPRIATIONS AND INCOMES

Unexpended balance from 1917	$498 13	
Schools	5,700 00	
Superintendent of Schools	200 00	
School Physician	100 00	
High School tuition	1,000 00	
Received from State of Massachusetts, transportation of High School pupils	975 44	
Received from State of Massachusetts, tuition of State wards	294 00	
Received from George H. Anderson, tuition	28 50	
Received from Town of Lancaster, tuition	57 00	
Received from State of Massachusetts, income school fund	865 99	
Received from State of Massachusetts, independent industrial schools	113 75	
Received from Longley school fund	263 94	
Received from Parker school fund	221 98	
Received from State of Massachusetts, account High School tuition	830 25	
		$11,148 98

EXPENDITURES

Schools	$8,549 66
High School tuition	1,645 50

School Physician	100 00	
Superintendent of Schools	440 02	
		$10,735 18
Unexpended		413 80

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

SCHOOLS

Unexpended balance from 1917		$498 13
Appropriation		5,700 00
Massachusetts school fund		865 99
Received from State, account transportation High School scholars		975 44
Received from State, tuition of children		294 00
George H. Anderson, tuition		28 50
Town of Lancaster, tuition		57 00
Longley school fund		263 94
Parker school fund		221 98
Received from State, independent industrial schools		113 75
Paid—		
J. H. Riley, truant officer	$25 00	
Anna L. Anglin, teacher	390 00	
Nellie McNiff, teacher	595 00	
Sarah Ross, teacher	548 00	
Lura A. White, teacher	620 00	
Grace V. Reed, teacher	310 00	
Madeline Sullivan, teacher	310 00	
Madeline Logue, teacher	220 00	
Eileen E. Farrell, teacher	240 00	
Martha E. Ellison, teacher	340 00	
Annie H. Palmer, supervisor	$135 00	
Bernice E. Staples, supervisor	132 00	
O. W. Balcom, janitor	552 50	
W. E. Barnard, janitor	175 00	

F. Lynch, supervisor	72	00
John N. Willmot, supervisor	6	00
A. L. Parker, transportation	119	50
A. L. Parker, High School transportation	360	00
J. W. Evans, transportation	360	00
I. B. Rines, transportation	300	00
A. B. Cram, transportation	29	50
A. B. Cram, High School transportation	171	00
Frank Onners, transportation	127	50
William Wilkins, transportation	165	00
Amos Farrar, transportation	261	25
F. & L. St. Ry., High School transportation	325	00
B. & M. R. R., High School transportation	315	23
West Disinfecting Co., supplies	8	50
A. N. Palmer Co., text books	1	57
American Book Co., text books	14	88
D. C. Heath Co., text books	6	41
B. H. Sanborn Co., text books	17	80
Ginn & Co., text books	50	67
The Macmillan Co., text books	10	80
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	68	69
E. E. Babb & Co., text books	3	30
Little, Brown & Co., text books	2	67
Silver, Burdett & Co., text books	18	19
Dowling School Supply Co., supplies	5	69
Belisle Print. & Pub. Co., text books	3	75
Tufts College Book Store, supplies		74
Daniel O'Neil, flags	6	00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., signs	9	25
R. T. Lavery, saws	1	85
Wright-Ziegler Co., cans	5	40
John C. Winston Co., text books	10	24
Milton, Bradley Co., text books	1	32
Mass. Child Labor Committee, text books	1	50
Mary Scullane, Supt.'s office assistant	11	20
Annie G. Carter, Supt.'s office assistant	20	00

Nat. Express Co.	1 39
B. & M. R. R., freight	1 09
M. A. McElroy, repairs	3 55
Fitchburg Hardware Co., supplies	3 05
Henry C. Dougherty, floor oil	34 50
L. W. Porter, fuel	427 35
Frank E. Farnsworth, fuel	156 00
Frank Wheeler, fuel	51 50
Clarence B. Sanderson, sawing	7 50
W. E. Barnard, repairs	4 50
O. W. Balcom, repairs	14 60
G. M. Ballou, flagpole	2 75
Webber Lumber & Supply Co., lumber	6 13
Craigin & Wilkins, installing bubbler	8 03
E. H. Longley, cement walk	50 00
G. M. Ballou, lumber	1 45
S. D. Porter, repairs	16 93
Conant Bros., supplies	18 37
A. A. Fillebrown, repairs	8 45
C. E. Bradford, supplies	2 25
Town of Groton, tuition	19 00
W. E. Bryant, salary	25 00
W. E. Bryant, expense	42
T. E. Lilly, salary	25 00
Robert H. J. Holden, salary	32 50
Robert H. J. Holden, expense	1 15
Huntley S. Turner, printing	7 50
Anna L. Anglin, graduation expense	1 63
John H. Riley, school census	25 00
Library Bureau, Supt.'s office, expense	12 70
F. C. Johnson, expense	40 10
T. W. Reed, tongue depressers	1 68
Samson Cordage Works, rope	1 50
The Cable Co.	4 01
Elmer E. Wilkins	4 50

J. E. Pomfret, rent of hall	8 00	
Shirley Village Water District	35 62	
		$8,549 66
Unexpended		469 07

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Appropriation		$200 00
Received from State		0 00
Paid—F. C. Johnson	$440 02	
		$440 02
Overdrawn		240 02

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid—T. E. Lilly	$100 00	

TUITION—HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Received from State		830 25
Paid—		
City of Fitchburg	$1,435 50	
Town of Ayer	210 00	
		$1,645 50
Unexpended		184 75

The following report of the Superintendent of Schools has been adopted as the report of the School Committee.

THOMAS E. LILLY,
ROBERT H. J. HOLDEN,
School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Gentlemen:

I regret that illness makes it necessary to crave your indulgence for the brevity of this report. I shall omit details of routine character and take up those aspects of the educational problem that stand forth most clearly as Nation-wide, but affecting the work of the smallest school systems.

A prominent financier who is the head of a New York banking house in a purely financial review of our Country says: "If there is one great lesson to be learned from this terrible conflict, it is that it matters much what sort of ideals a Nation stands for." Such a statement from a source not at all accustomed to sentimentalism cannot but emphasize what all have felt, the tremendous responsibility resting upon all institutions which form public opinion. And among these the school must accept its full share, which is probably the largest of any. This is well shown in the following statement of the National Educational Association, the authoritative organization of the educators of this Country:—

"Education is the means through which democracy establishes social justice. In a democracy where majorities both think and rule, education, however fostered and guided by leaders, must be so directed as to meet the needs of all. The fact that we are rapidly approaching the time when the masses of the people will assume larger control of the affairs of government emphasizes anew the responsibility of the public schools in a democracy.

"The program of education to meet new and increased demands must be comprehensive enough to promote the physical well-being of all citizens, to eliminate illiteracy, to teach the

English language as the common means of communication, to fit all individuals for vocational efficiency and for the wise use of leisure, to cultivate democratic habits of social relationship, to develop in all a high sense of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, and to equalize and enrich educational opportunity throughout the nation.

"When the masses are educated in accordance with this program there will be no danger to democracy from them and less danger from the idle rich and idle wise. The ideal of democracy is for the masses to work so well and think so clearly that their working together and thinking together will form eeffctive factors in orderly progress."

To meet these demands a bill has already been presented in the National Congress providing as follows:—

1. For the removal of illiteracy, $7,500,000 annually.
2. For the Americanization of foreigners, $7,500,000 annually.
3. For the equalization of educational opportunities within the several States, particularly in rural and village schools, $50,000,000 annually.
4. To cooperate with the States in the promotion of physical and health education and recreation, $20,000,000 annually.
5. To extend and improve the facilities for the preparation of teachers for public schools, and particularly the rural schools, $15,000,000 annually.
6. The creation of an Executive Department known as the Department of Education, with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet. This department is to administer the educational work of the Government which is assigned to it.

With the Nation awakened as never before to the demands upon our schools, we may see the solution of our own problems somewhat more clearly and in their proper perspective, by looking at them in the light of this larger view.

Some may think that the crisis in the supply of teachers is now over, but we must remember that there has been an unusual advance in wages of all kinds in the business world and many men called from the schools to war will not return to

school work except in the higher salaried positions. Woman's work too has been greatly enlarged in its scope and its financial returns. Moreover in the past few years fewer women have entered college because of the competition of business. The demands for college graduates will be many more than before the war and the wages much higher.

The attendance upon our normal schools has fallen very low, so that this source for grade school teachers will not be as well supplied as hitherto.

Another problem besides that of providing teachers for the regular grade and high schools is that of training our newcomers to read and write English and through these means give them the opportunity of becoming acquainted with American thought and ideals. The discovery of a large proportion of our population unable to benefit by the written or oral word of our common speech has moved our National Congress to consider the appropriation above indicated.

This problem especially interests Shirley and steps have already been taken to provide evening classes for those who do not understand English. The State Board of Education has an agent whose activities is entirely given to this work. He has been formulating plans for teaching that promise better success than heretofore has been secured, but has not been able to suggest anyone to serve us as teacher of the method. It will probably be necessary for us to use the ordinary teacher and do the best we can. I trust another year may find better facilities and teachers trained for this special work available for our use.

With a deep sense of gratitude to those teachers who have given of their service to the schools in spite of the alluring offers in other fields, and with my appreciation of the support given me by your committee through a very trying time of school administration I submit this report for your consideration.

FRANK C. JOHNSON,
Superintendent.

Report of Supervisor of Drawing

To the Superintendent of Schools, Shirley, Mass.

The time given to drawing during the last year has been devoted largely to the making of posters. We have found this work intensely interesting to the children and through it we have tried to lead them into a better appreciation of beautiful line, good spacing and fine color. We have tried to impress upon them that a simple poster well done is preferable to a showy one poorly done. We hope in this day to give them an ideal which shall add to their characters some of that quality of quiet efficiency which is the backbone of our national life.

I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE E. STAPLES.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. F. C. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, Shirley, Mass.

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music.

The work has been carried on in much the same manner as last year. At the end of the year we expect to be able to state that each grade has completed its assigned work.

The school events of the year have been colored by war conditions, and before many weeks had passed a need for patriotic music was felt. Many of the standard and the best of the patriotic popular songs were learned. These songs were not of as high a standard as generally given or desired under normal conditions, but I have seriously felt that they gave to each and every pupil an inspiration and an "up-to-date" awakening, American spirit that no other songs or material could give.

In conclusion I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty co-operation in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE H. PALMER.

School Physician's Report

The importance of the systematic examination of school children is emphasized by the recent state and federal legislation on the subject. The care of the child's body must go hand in hand with the training of his mind. The most necessary means of preserving the health of school children is to prepare proper housing for our schools.

Well lighted and ventilated school rooms, with proper toilet and lavatory equipment are essential to the health and morale of our children.

Every physician knows that the schools are unfortunately a great medium for the spread of communicable diseases.

It becomes therefore the duty of the town to reduce this danger to a minimum by carefully watching for disease carriers and excluding them from school by keeping the clothing of each child separate as far as possible from that of others and by teaching and insisting upon cleanliness of all children admitted to our schools.

Our buildings now in use are old and not fitted with modern sanitation, but we hope that as soon as conditions are restored to normal after the trouble of war times, the town will be able to build a school house that will be all that is required for the proper sanitation of our children.

Since April 1st last we have had the services of a public health nurse, who visits the schools every morning and who sends home and calls to the attention of the school physician all children who have any symptoms of illness.

The nurse also calls at the homes of absentees to ascertain if the absent scholar is ill and to enable her to know if there are any cases of communicable diseases not reported.

The school physician recommends the employment of a dentist to examine the teeth of the children and recommend proper treatment of defective teeth.

The eyes and ears of the children have been examined and a general examination of the children is now in progress, some delay being caused by a request of the U. S. Public Health Service that we use a special record card in use by them throughout the country. The cards, after some delay, are now in the hands of the nurse and the necessary data is being rapidly obtained.

We have been very free from any epidemic of children's diseases during the year, having had only sporadic cases at different times.

During the month of October, 1918, we were obliged to close the schools of the village on account of the great pandemic of influenza that swept over the country.

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee the schools were closed for four weeks and were reopened when the danger of infection had apparently passed.

If we have the attention of a school nurse another year, there is no doubt that the health of the school children will be greatly conserved.

We have enforced the vaccination law the past year and wish to call the attention of all parents and guardians that children will not be admitted to school unless successfully vaccinated.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. LILLY, M. D.,
School Physician.

Report of Truant Officer

Have visited the schools and have attended to all complaints.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. RILEY,

Truant Officer.

REGISTER OF TEACHERS, 1918-1919

Schools	Names	First Appointed		Salary
Grammar	Martha E. Ellison	Sept.	1918	$850.00
Intermediate. . .	Nellie McNiff	July	1914	625.00
Second Primary .	Sarah Ross	January	1915	575.00
First Primary . .	Lura A. White	Sept.	1891	650.00
Center Grammar.	Eileen E. Farrell	Sept.	1918	600.00
Center Primary .	Madeline G. Logue	Sept.	1918	550.00
Music	Annie H. Palmer	August	1911	150.00
Drawing	Bernice E. Staples	Sept.	1910	150.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1919-20

1918	
December 30	Winter term opens
1919	
January 1	Holiday
March 28	Winter term ends, 13 weeks
April 7	Summer term opens
May 30	Holiday
June 27	Summer term ends, 12 weeks
September 2	Fall term opens
November 27-28	Thanksgiving recess
December 19	Fall term closes, 16 weeks
1920	
January 5	Winter term opens

In order to make up for the four weeks lost during the influenza epidemic in October, 1918, the calendar for the first half

of 1919 had to be rearranged so as to allow only one vacation instead of the usual vacation every eight weeks.

ROLL OF HONOR, 1917-1918

Grammar School, Shirley

Marion Carlson, 1
Clarence Hooper, 1
Bertha Penesean, 1
Ernest White, 1

Intermediate

Warren Burkstead, 1
Louise Thomas, 1

Primary

Majorie Wheeler, 2
Edward Wheeler, 2

RETURN TO STATE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1917-1918

	Males	Females	Total
(a) Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	46	53	99
(b) Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	103	123	226
(c) Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	21	19	40
(d) Illiterate minors 16 years of age or over and under 21	2	4	6

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